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1. KOREA

ALL MEDIA GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE UNPROVOKED MURDER 2 ARMY OFFICERS, WOUNDING 4 US/5 ROKA PERSONNEL BY NK FORCES 40 YDS S BRIDGE OF NO RETURN, WED. WERE TRIMMING TREE IN JSA, PANMUNJON. MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT SINCE 1967, WHEN 12 KILLED IN 4 SEPARATE CLASHES (WSJ). DOD SPOKESMAN SAID NK ORDERED OTHERS "KILL" UNC PERSONNEL (UPI, NYDN, WSTAR 8/18; UNCLASSIFIED

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NYT SPEC). MIL SOURCES SAID 3 NKOREANS BELIEVED KILLED WHEN UNC PERSONNEL FOUGHT BACK (AP PHINQ, CHITRIB). ALSO SAID NK BLOCKED ATTEMPT TRIM SAME TREE 10 DAYS AGO (AP, SUN). UNC SPOKESMAN FULLERTON SAID THERE REASON TO BELIEVE

ATTACK "PREMEDITATED"; ROK SPOKESMAN SAID INCIDENT "CLEAR CASE OF OVERREACTION" BY LOWER ECHELON NK FORCES (HORVAT, WP).

IN KC WED, NESSEN READ PRES FORD STATEMENT TO PRESS CON-DEMNING "VICIOUS AND UNPROVOKED MURDER" AS "BRUTAL AND COWARDLY ACT TOTALLY WITHOUT WARNING"; STATED NK MUST BEAR CONSEQUENCES. DECLINED SPECULATE FURTHER (SHABECOFF, NYT; WSJ; AP CHITRIB, PHINQ; UPI, NYDN; MARDER, WP).

"SECSTATETOLD PRESS SLAYINGS "WANTON ACT OF MURDER," SAID "WE WILL HOLD THE NORTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES" (WSJ; AP, PHINQ; MARDER).

NKNA BLAMED US FOR WED INCIDENT. CHARGED WORKERS BEGAN CUTTING DOWN TREES IN AREA UNDER NK JURISDICTION (UPI, SEOUL). NK BROADCAST CHARGED PROVOCATION "PLANNED BY THE US IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS" TO AGGRAVATE SITUATION (AP, SEOUL).

DOS'S BROWN READ SHARPLY WORDED STATEMENT WED, SAID DOS VIEWS KILLINGS "WITH GRAVITY AND CONCERN." WARNED NK MUST BEAR "FULL RESPONSIBILITY." (NYT SPEC; UPI, NYDN). SAID COULD NOT RULE OUT MIL RESPONSE (WSJ).

NK FM HO DAM TOLD PRESS SRI LANKA WED SITUATION "BECOMING MORE URGENT IN OUR COUNTRY," WAR MAY BREAK OUT ANY MOMENT. DID NOT SPEAK IN CONTEXT INCIDENT, GAVE NO SIGN AWARE OF PANMUNJON INCIDENT (NYT SPEC, COLOMBO).

## 2. PHILIPPINES

PRES FORD EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO MARCOS FOR DEAD, OTHER VICTIMS EARTHQUAKE/TIDAL WAVE (CSM). TOLL REACHES 3103 DEA, 2282 MISSING, 688 INJURED; OFFICIALS FEAR FINAL DEATH COUNT MAY EXCEED 5000. AFTERSHOCKS STRUK ATHALF-HR INTERVALS FOR 2 DAYS. PHIL AF PLANES, NAVY SHIPS FERRY RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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LIEF SUPPLIES TO HARD-HIT COTABATO, ZAMBOANGA. MIL OFFICIALS ESTIMATE DAMAGE AT OVER 100 MILLION DOLS (AP, PHINQ). HEAVY RAINS HAMPER RESCUE OPNS. SOLDIERS GUARD COTABATO STREETS. PRES FORD OFFERS US AID. AMEMBASSY MANILA SAYS RECEIVED NO REPORT CASUALTIES AMONG 360 AMCITS IN QUAKE ZONE (UPI NYDN, WP). VILLADOLID (NYT) DESCRIBES DAMAGE TO AREA, TELLS STORIES SOME VICTIMS. MENTIONS FEMCO, US-KOREAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM, CONTRIBUTES 300 MEN/HEAVY DRILLING EQUIPMENT TO RESCUE EFFORT.

RICHERT (WSJ) NOTES CAPITAL MARKETS GREET CAUTIOUSLY PHIL PUBLIC UTILITY BOND OFFERING OF 367.2 MILLION DOLS.

3. THAILAND

FORMER STRONGMAN PRAPHAS WHO RETURNED FROM EXILE 3 DAYS AGO FOUND BY POLICE IN BANGKOK VILLA (WP). RETURN FROM TAIWAN EXILE SPARKED STUDENT RALLY DEMANDING TRIAL FOR INVOLVEMENT FOR SUPPRESSION OCT '73 UPRISING (WP; PHINQ). SENI SAYS PRAPHAS WILL BE ASKED LEAVE COUNTRY BUT DEMONSTRATORS DEMAND TRIAL FOR DEATHS 72 CIVILIANS KILLED IN '73

UPRISING (PHINQ). PRAPHAS REPORTEDLY SAID RETURNED DUE FAILING HEALTH, IS WILLING FACE TRIAL. NO FORMAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM (WP).

4. BURMA

SEN MANSFIELD ARRIVES RANGOON FOR LAST STOP ON ASIAN TOUR (PHINQ).

5. HONG KONG

AUTHORITIES SEIZE 3.4 MILLION DOLS WORTH RAW OPIUM, MORPHINE ON OUTLYING ISLAND (UPI, NYDN).

6. CHINA

MUNRO (CSM) REPORTS PRC CHARGE THAT "ENEMY STATIONS" DELIBERATELY INTERFERED WITH EMERGENCY RADIO MESSAGES BEING TRANSMITTED FROM TANGSHAN DURING FIRST HRS AFTER UNCLASSIFIED

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EARTHQUAKE HAS BAFFLED DIPLOMATS. ARTICLE COVERED TOP HALF OFFICIAL CP PAPER, BUT PROVIDED NO HINT OF WHAT COUNTRY CHINESE SUSPECTED WAS GUILTY OF JAMMING. SAID ARMY RADIO OPERATOR SALVAGED RADIO DURING QUAKE, BUT WHENEVER TRIED TRANSMIT, ENEMY STATIONS BEGAN JAMMING THAT FREQUENCY.

26 JAPANESE TECHNICIANS EVACUATED FROM PROJECT SITE NEAR CHENG TU BEFORE LATEST QUAKE STRUCK 8/16. TECHNICIANS TELEPHONED JAPANESE DIPLOMATS IN SHANGHAI, SAID QUAKE HAD BEEN PREDICTED, POPULATION ALREADY SLEEPING OUTDOORS; GAVE IMPRESSION DAMAGE IN CHENG TU LIGHT.

7. ADD KOREA

NKNA SAID THURS NK SUPREME COMMAND ORDERED ARMY/MILITIA/ YOUNG RED GUARDS INTO COMBAT READINESS. BLAMED US FOR INCIDENT, SAID NK LODGED STRONG PROTEST IN THURS MAC MEETING AGAINST "VICIOUS PROVOCATIVE ACT" AGAINST NK BORDER GUARDS AT PANMUNJON (REUTER, HK).

US HQ SEOUL THURS ORDERED ALL US FORCES ON LEAVE RETURN TO

UNITS. SPOKESMAN DECLINED EXPLAIN MOVE. HAD NO COMMENT ON "OUR READINESS CONDITION." (REUTER, SEOUL).

US/NK DELEGATES OPENED MAC MEETING THURS AMID NEW EXPECTED TRADE HEATED CHARGES OVER INCIDENT IN JSA (REUTER, SEOUL).

HIGH LEVEL USG SECURITY GROUP BELIEVED PLANNING DISCUSS SLAYINGS, BUT DOD OFFICIALS WED DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY OF

US MIL RESPONSE (AP, SUN, PHINQ).

REP MURPHY (NY) SAID WED DIA OFFICIALS BELIEVE ATTACK PART OF NK EFFORT FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON US PRESENCE IN SK, TIMED COINCIDE WITH ELECTION CAMPAIGN. DOD SOURCES SAID EXPERTS WOULD HAVE TO SEE MORE EVIDENCE OF BELLICOSE BEHAVIOR BEFORE THEORY COULD BE SUPPORTED (UPI, WASHINGTON).

DOD WED RELEASED NAMES 2 OFFICERS KILLED AT JSA: CAPT ARTHUR BONIFAS, 1/LT MARK BENNETT (AP, SUN).

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UPI PHOTO OF FATAL MELEE PANMUNJON IN NYT, SUN; AP PHOTO, NYDN, PHINQ, WP, CHITRIB).

#### 8. JAPAN

MIKI TOLD HOSTILE LDP MEETING WED WILL NOT RESIGN IN MIDST OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL. INTERRUPTED BY JEERS/CATCALLS, SOME PARTY WORKERS TURNED BACKS. FIRST TIME PM OPENLY INSULTED IN PARTY GATHERING (UPI, GLOBE, WP).

FORMER ANA EXEC WAKASA INDICTED WED ON CHARGE TOOK 373,000 DOLS FROM LOCKHEED, IN VIOLATION FOREX CONTROL LAW (WSJ, TOKYO; SEIDEN, SUN).

TANAKA SPENT FIRST DAY OUT OF JAIL ON BAIL AT HOME. MEDIA HELICOPTERS HOVERED OVERHEAD, REPORTED EVERY MOVE. TO CAP HIS DAY, EX-CONVICT CLIMBED OVER WALL TO TRY PERSUADE TANAKA COMMIT HARA-KIRI. INTRUDER ARRESTED (NYT).

YEN ROSE HIGHEST IN 17 MOS WED, 288/DOL, AMID GROWING CONCERN SPECULATORS ENTERING FOREX MART (MALCOLM, NYT). PRESURE ON MARK/YEN EASED IN EUR AFTER PEAK TUES (WP).

JIMMY CARTER TOLD PRESS, PLAINS, GA, WED, CURRENCY FLOAT IS "PERMANENT FIXTURE", INDICATED NO DESIRE RETURN FIXED RATES ASKED ABOUT YEN RATE, CARTER NOTED GOJ HAS BEGUN "CORRECT SITUATION", ALLOWING YEN RISE AGAINST DOLLAR (DALE, NYT).

MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES/TOSHIBA/HITACHI/FUJI ELECTRIC HAVE FORMED GROUP STUDY POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE BUILD FAST BREEDER REACTORS (WSJ, TOKYO).

KEIDANREN LEADER DOKO TOLD PRESS WED, ON RETURN FROM WEEK-LONG VISIT MOSCOW, THAT SOV GOVT ASKED JAPAN SET UP OVER-ALL SYSTEM GRANT LONG-TERM CREDITS FOR DEVELOPMENT SIBERIAN RESOURCES. MET BREZHNEV, OTHER HIGH-RANKING GOVT OFFICIALS (CULLISON, JOC).

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POLICE RAID CHINATOWN HOUSE WHERE 2 MEN MAKING UP PACKETS HEROIN. BOTH FLED, 1 NUDE; POLICE PURSUED STREAKER, GOT HIM WHEN PAUSED AT CLOTHESLINE TO GRAB SARONG (AP, WP).

10. AUSTRALIA

MAJOR AUSSIE HISTORIC EXHIBITION WILL OPEN US TOUR IN CHICAGO AS CONTRIBUTION TO BICENTENNIAL (UPI, NYT).

11. PACIFIC ISLANDS

GILBERT-ELLICE ISLANDER TOOK OFF CLOTHES ON FRANKFORT-LONDON BA JUMBO JET FLIGHT. THREW ASIDE BLANKET WHEN STEWARD TRIED COVER HIM; PILOT REDUCED TEMPERATURE BUT MAN DID NOT RESPOND. POLICE NABBED HIM ON LONDON ARRIVAL. PASSENGER SAID "WAS BETTER THAN THE MOVIE" (WP).

12. NONALIGNED SUMMIT

SINGAPORE, ZAMBIA SHARPLY REBUKE COLLEAGUES FOR EQUATING GOALS NONALIGNMENT WITH INTL COMMUNISM. LEE KUAN YEW EXPRESSED IMPATIENCE WITH SPEECHES ON COMMUNIST-BACKED "INDEPENDENCE" STRUGGLES IN ALREADY-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES (BORDERS, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

MAXWELL (NYT), IN TIBET, DOES HISTORICAL/CULTURAL ITEM ON TIBETAN MONASTERIES. CONTRASTS PRE-MAO LIFESTYLE W/PRESENT ONE WHICH IS MORE AUSTERE, LESS ESOTERIC. COMMUNISTS ENCOURAGED POOR SERVITOR MONKS SEIZE POWER IN MONASTERIES; RICH MONKS NO LONGER HAVE SERFS TO KEEP THEM, AS IN OLD DAYS, BUT STRIVE FOR MAOIST IDEAL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY. NOTES COMMUNITY MADE UP OF MEN MOSTLY ON "WRONG SIDE OF 50," W/NO YOUNGSTERS NOW COMING JOIN IT.

ON SAME PAGE, KAMM, IN INDIA, DOES SIMILAR PIECE ON EXILED DALAI LAMA. FORMER TIBETAN FONMIN STATES DALAI LAMA INSISTS TIBETANS NOT STRUGGLING AGAINST PRC FOR RACE/RE-

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LIGION REASONS, BUT RATHER BECAUSE PRC IS FOR POWER, AND TIBETANS SHOULD HAVE RIGHT SELF-GOVT; ALSO SAYS "VERY POSSIBLE" CHINESE HAVE DONE SOME GOOD, BUT DOING SO AT COST OF TIBETAN PEOPLE'S FREEDOM "ABSOLUTELY WRONG." KAMM NOTES TIBETANS IN EXILE PUT LITTLE STOCK IN OCCASIONAL ACCOUNTS BY FOR TRAVELERS ALLOWED SEE LHASA BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THEM CHOSEN BY CHINESE FOR THEIR KNOWN POSITIVE VIEWS OF PRC.

14. KOREA

NYT CONDEMNS NK'S "DIE-HARD STALINIST" GOVT FOR "STOOPING TO A NEW LOW IN BARBARISM" WITH APPARENTLY PREMEDITATED AXE-MURDER OF 2 US OFFICERS AT PANMUNJON. OPINES KIM IL SUNG MAY HOPE BRUTAL ACT WILL BUILD SUPPORT IN US FOR RECENT SUGGESTIONS US FORCES BE PHASED-OUT OF SK, BUT WARNS EFFECT WILL BE EXACT OPPOSITE--WILL STRENGTHEN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR CONTINUED STRONG US PRESENCE TO HELP PRESERVE TRUCE. NOTES NK "BRUTISHNESS" COULD EVEN SERVE MUTE CONCERN OF MANY AMERICANS INCREASINGLY DISENCHANTED WITH PARK REGIME, WHICH MADE APPEAR LESS ONEROUS BY COMPARISON. SPECULATES ATROCITY DESIGNED PROVOKE US RETALIATION THAT COULD RALLY SYMPATHY FOR NK AT COLOMBO, AND GAIN SUPPORT FOR NK PROPOSAL THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS DEMAND WITHDRAWAL US FORCES. DECLARES WASHINGTON AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HAVE BETTER SENSE THAN FALL FOR SUCH AN INHUMANE, PRIMITIVE RUSE.

NYDN EXCORIATES "MURDER MOST FOUL" OF 2 US OFFICERS AS "PLAIN, COLD-BLOODED BUTCHERY", OBVIOUSLY COMMITTED ON ORDERS FROM PYONGYANG. FIRST AGGRESSION, THEN PIRACY (WITH SEIZURE PUEBLO), NOW MURDER. ASKS IF THERE IS NO LIMIT TO OUTRAGES OF WHICH THAT "GANGSTER REGIME" CAPABLE?

NYT'S MALCOLM, IN TOKYO, REVIEWS VIOLENT INCIDENTS AROUND PANMUNJON SINCE 1953 TRUCE. CAN OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING, ERUPT QUICKLY, END SO FAST THERE NO TIME REACT. THEN EACH SIDE BLAMES OTHER. NOTES ELEMENTS PREMEDITATION IN MANY INCIDENTS. NOTES US FORCES SERVING PANMUNJON HAVE LITTLE PROTECTION. DESCRIBES SELECTION/TRAINING 160 US MEMBERS JOINT SECURITY FORCE, AND THEIR "NERVE-WRECKING" WORK AT LONELY CHECK-POINTS.

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15. INDOCHINA

GODSELL (CSM) SAYS VN SPECIALISTS IN USG, VN COMMUNIST LEADERS HAVE COMMON AIM KEEPING VN OUT OF PRES ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THOUGH HANOI STILL PRESSES COMPENSATION CLAIM.

NOTES CLAIM BY PHAM VAN DONG AT NONALIGNED SUMMIT, COUPLED WITH CONCILIATORY DECLARATION WILLING NORMALIZE RELS WITH US. STATES US ANALYSTS BELIEVE DONG NOT SO MUCH SENDING SIGNAL TO US AS HOPING GET CONF BACKING FOR CAMPAIGN GET US "PAY UP." SEES MOOD CONGRESS, PUBLIC AGAINST CHANNELING AID TO VN. REVIEWS US-VN EXCHANGE OF NOTES AT PARIS EXPLORING HOW WORK OUT NEW RELATIONSHIP. SAYS BOTH SIDES ACCEPT NEED NEW RELATIONSHIP IN LIGHT CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES INDOCHINA; NEITHER SURE WHAT SHOULD BE, BUT APPARENTLY RECOGNIZE THAT COULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. MENTIONS BOTH SIDES UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHO WILL BE PRES, SO TACIT WILLINGNESS KEEP

LINES OPEN WITHOUT COMMITMENT UNTIL AFTER ELECTION. GODSELL POINTS OUT US ANALYSTS SEE US INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE VN END ISOLATION, DESIST FROM BACKING SEA INSURGENCIES; HANOI WANTS MONEY, WHATEVER OTHER US HELP CAN GET FOR ECON, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.

PHINQ NOTES FORMER AMEMBASSY SAIGON DESIGNATED HISTORICAL MONUMENT, WILL BE PRESERVED AS REMINDER "CRIMINAL UNITED STATES AGGRESSION." THINKS MAY NOT BE BAD IDEA, WHETHER US POLICY WAS CRIMINAL, JUST STUPID, OR BOTH. BELIEVES EMBASSY COULD REMIND AMERICANS NEVER MAKE THAT KIND MISTAKE AGAIN.

#### 16. PHILIPPINES

SHARKEY (WP) SAYS USAID PROPOSES USE QUAKE TO ADVANCE NEGOTS FOR US MIL BASES, AT SAME TIME SPIKE CONGRESS' EFFORTS LIMIT AID TO GOVTS ACCUSED VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS. STATES INFO CAME FROM COPY OFFICE FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE MEMO "MADE AVAILABLE" TO WP BY CAMBRIDGE, MASS ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, THAT OPPOSES MARTIAL-LAW REGIME. QUOTES OFFICIAL IN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE THAT STD PROCEDURE CONSIDER POL IMPACT ANY US RELIEF EFFORT, THO OVERRIDING CONCERN IS TO MITIGATE SUFFEREING. NOTES US, PHIL OFFICIALS SAY NO REQUEST FROM MANILA YET FOR US AID, BUT DOD, DOS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUE CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

#### 17. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

WP LOOKS OVER FOPOL PLANKS IN REP PLATFORM, INCLUDING THOSE ON VN, CHINA. SEES REAL POINT THAT REPS HAVE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED ISOLATIONISM, OR EVEN PRONOUNCED DISENGAGEMENT FROM WORLD AFFAIRS.

#### 18. GENERAL

CRIMMIN (GLOBE) QUOTES EXPERT THAT LARGE EARTHQUAKES NOT UNCOMMON; PRC, PHIL QUAKES PURELY COINCIDENTAL, HAPPENED STRIKE POPULATED AREAS SO SEEM LARGER DUE PUBLICITY.

SALISBURY (CSM) QUOTES ANOTHER EXPERT THAT PLANET NOT  
QUAKING ANY MORE VIOLENTLY THAN USUAL, JUST THAT RECENT  
TREMORS HIT IN POPULATED AREAS; THERE IS NO GLOBAL PATTERN.  
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